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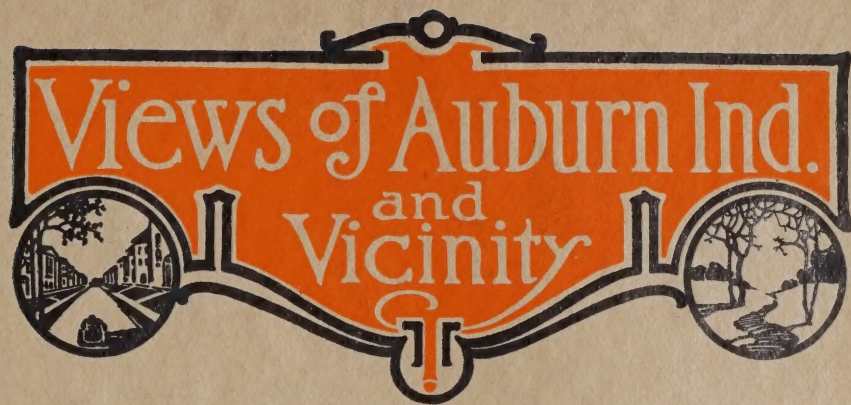
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DeKalb

County's

New

Court House

Cost \$350,000



UBURN, a city of about 5,000 inhabitants, is situated in Northern Indiana, the garden spot of the central west. To the stranger seeking a home Auburn is peculiarly attractive, possessing as it does most of the advantages of the large city with few of its disadvantages. Auburn has no saloons and no rough element. It is a city of schools, churches and beautiful homes. It has the finest public buildings of any city of its size in the middle west. Auburn is especially fortunate in the spirit of equality, good fellowship and civic pride of its citizens. The prosperity and wealth of Auburn is not alone due to its manufactories and to the energy of its progressive citizens but, in no small degree, to the rich farming country by which it is surrounded. The farmers of the county not only raise all the staple crops in great quantities, but also many other products such as Alfalfa, Sugar Beets, and an abundance of Strawberries, Cherries, and all kinds of small fruits. DeKalb County, of which Auburn is the county seat, is located in the fertile valley of the St. Joe River just on the southern border of the beautiful lake region of Northern Indiana, whose hundreds of lakes are already dotted with thousands of summer cottages.

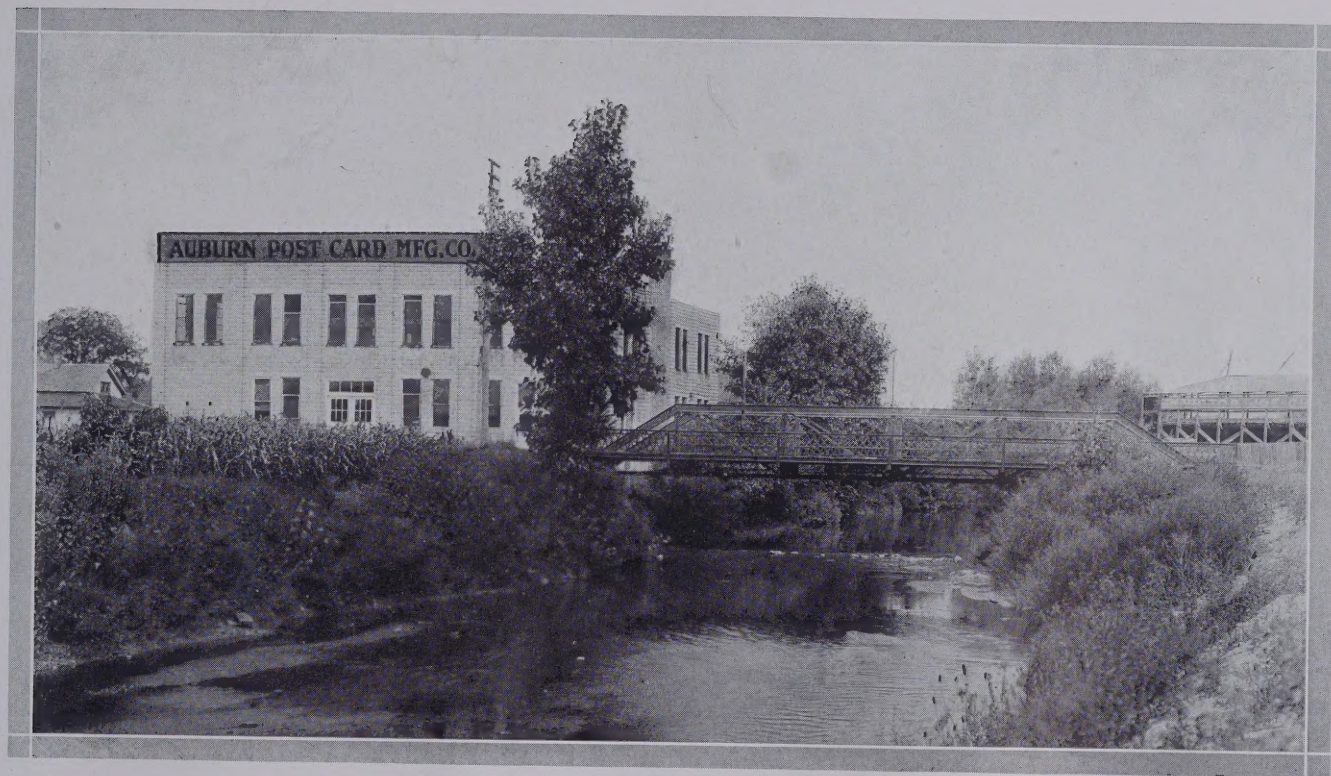
An

Alfalfa

Field



SURROUNDINGS make the man, is an old saying. Surroundings make the town, is just as true, and this and the other rural views are given to show that Auburn is in the center of a wonderfully productive agricultural county. The above is a photograph of a field of Alfalfa one and a half miles from Auburn and was taken before the cutting of the third crop for 1915. The total yield for 1915 will exceed five tons per acre. The acreage and tonnage of Alfalfa has increased each year since its introduction into DeKalb county and it has proven to be a profitable crop.



Auburn

Post Card

Mfg. Co.

THE Auburn Post Card Manufacturing Company, desiring a more central location, moved to Auburn from New England in the fall of 1910. That this "move" was wise has been demonstrated by the growth of this institution since locating in Auburn. Having outgrown their old quarters they recently erected a modern and completely equipped plant for catalog printing and for the manufacture of post cards, calendars, etc. This growing concern, employing between 50 and 75 people the year round, does the largest strictly mail order wholesale post card business in the U. S., having more than 20,000 regular customers representing every state.

Y.

M.

C.

A.



THE Y. M. C. A. has been called a "Character Factory" and the output justifies the name. Being non-sectarian it appeals to all who are interested in the development of young manhood. The building and equipment is a present to Auburn and vicinity from Messrs. Charles and Frank E. Eckhart, father and son, and is acknowledged by all visitors to be the most complete Y. M. C. A. building in any city of less than ten thousand inhabitants. The membership roll of over 400 names indicates that the \$57,000 donated by the Messrs. Eckhart is appreciated and the Y. M. C. A. is filling a long felt want.

Lutheran

Methodist

and Catholic

Churches



THE most of the leading religious denominations are represented in Auburn by organizations, and nearly all of them own houses of worship. Below is given a list of the churches with the dates of organization. The Methodist Episcopal was organized in 1837, the Presbyterian in 1844, the German Reform in 1855, the Baptist in 1870, Trinity Ev. Lutheran in 1871, the Catholic in 1874, St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran in 1875, Church of God in 1887, Church of Christ in 1903, International Bible Students in 1911, Church of Christ - Scientist in 1914, United Brethren in Christ, and the Church of the Brethren in 1915.

Eckhart

Public

Library



IN 1909 Mr. Andrew Carnegie offered the city of Auburn \$10,000 for a Public Library building. The citizens appreciated the offer, but realized that this sum would not erect a building that would meet the needs of our growing city. This difficulty was overcome through the generosity of Auburn's most widely known and honored citizen Mr. Charles Eckhart who wrote Mr. Carnegie that he would assume all the expense. The Library building and furnishings, together with the park in which it stands, cost \$39,000, to which Mr. Eckhart has generously added an endowment of \$15,000 for its maintenance.



Our
St. Joe
River

On your sloping banks the trees entwine,
Your water is pure and clear,
Each mossy stone and clinging vine
Is to my memory dear.

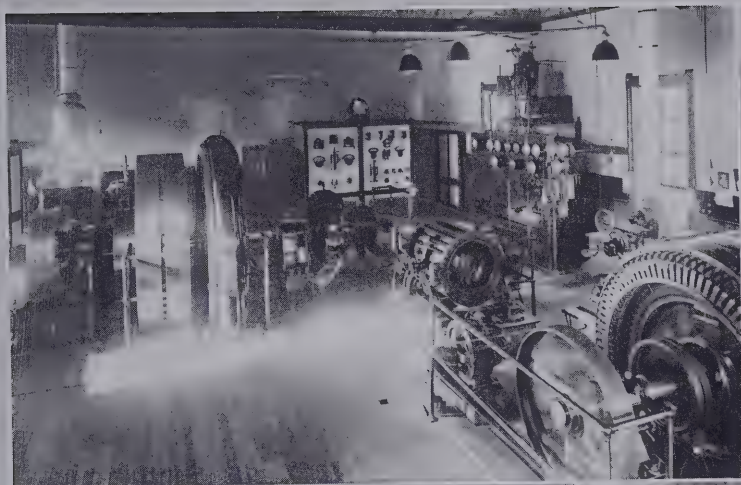
You laughingly leap and dance along
As you did in the long ago
When the Indians sang your praise in song:
My beautiful St. Joe.

George Jaap, 1915.

Post Office
and
City Hall



AUBURN'S new city building is of fireproof construction throughout and was erected and furnished at a cost of \$37,000. The State Board of Accounts invoices Auburn's City Building, Water and Lighting Plant and other municipal property at \$235,000 which is a splendid showing of assets for a city of its size. The Post Office is a hive of industry, caused by the 36 out-going and in-coming mails every 24 hours. The receipts need to be increased only a little to raise it to an office of the first class.



Auburn's

Water and

: Light Plant

THIS is owned by the city and supplies electric current and water for all purposes, 24 hours a day, every day in the year. It has paid for itself and is now a revenue producer. The water, which is of exceptional purity, is pumped from ten wells that have been drilled down to a depth of 248 feet. There is no stand pipe nor reservoir in connection with the system so the water is always fresh and the depth of the wells insure freedom from surface contamination. The electric department supplies current for domestic and street lighting and also to such of the factories as use electric power.

A

Clover

Field



THE above might easily be mistaken for a flower garden on a large scale. When the picture was taken it was indeed a bower of bloom excelling the rose in sweetness of perfume, and whose richness of color no picture can adequately portray. The picture does show, however, that more than two tons of clover hay to the acre will be cut from this field. A clover field in bloom is a representation of beauty and utility combined. This field is but one of hundreds to be seen in DeKalb county.



A DeKalb
County
Farm Home

FOUR score years ago a few log cabins in the wilderness were the only houses in what is now DeKalb county. The early settlers who survived the hardships incident to pioneer life, together with their vigorous offspring, have replaced those log cabins with fine country homes, furnished with modern conveniences and surrounded by well kept lawns. The above picture is typical of farm homes which are to be found in every part of this locality.

Auburn

Junction



THIS picture shows the Auburn crossing of three great railways, The Baltimore & Ohio, The New York Central - Fort Wayne Division, The Pennsylvania - Vandalia Division and also the track of the Fort Wayne & North-Western Interurban Railway. The train shown is the "Inter State Special" of the B. & O. R. R. Express shipments over the B. & O. and the Interurban are handled by the Wells-Fargo, those over the N. Y. C. by the American and those over the Penna. by the Adams. It would be difficult to find another city the size of Auburn possessing such excellent mail service and such unusual shipping facilities.



Double

Fabric Tire

Company

THIS company started business in a small shop in 1910 with five men on the pay roll. Their business increased so rapidly that the company found it necessary to erect this building three years later. Near neighbors to the above is the plant of the Auburn Mfg. Co., makers of wooden bodies and seats for all kinds of vehicles, and also the plant of the Auburn Foundry Company, a new and prosperous concern. All these have tracks from the N. Y. C. R. R. which provides excellent shipping facilities.

Auburn
State
Bank



THE business interests of every city require banks of unquestioned reliability, and having assets sufficient to assist legitimate business enterprises. The Auburn State Bank, whose home is shown above, has \$650,000 assets and a reputation for reliability of which any banking institution can justly feel proud. The State Bank is closely affiliated with the Savings Loan & Trust Company of Auburn, a young and vigorous Banking Institution, with assets of \$350,000.



City
National
Bank

THIS picture shows the home of the City National Bank, of Auburn, a popular banking institution with assets of \$450,000 and, being a National Bank, receives the Postal Savings that are deposited with "Uncle Sam." The combined assets of the Banking Institutions of Auburn total \$1,450,000.

Free

Fall

Fair



THOUSANDS of visitors are attracted to the display of Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical products exhibited at the annual **FREE FALL FAIR** held on the streets of Auburn. All exhibits are grown or manufactured in DeKalb County and enables the producer to compare his output with that of his neighbor. At the first exhibit held the farmers were surprised that the quality of their products equaled, and in many lines surpassed, those exhibited at the State Fair. The Free Fall Fair, which is now being copied by other cities from coast to coast, originated in Auburn ten years ago.



A Sugar

Beet Field

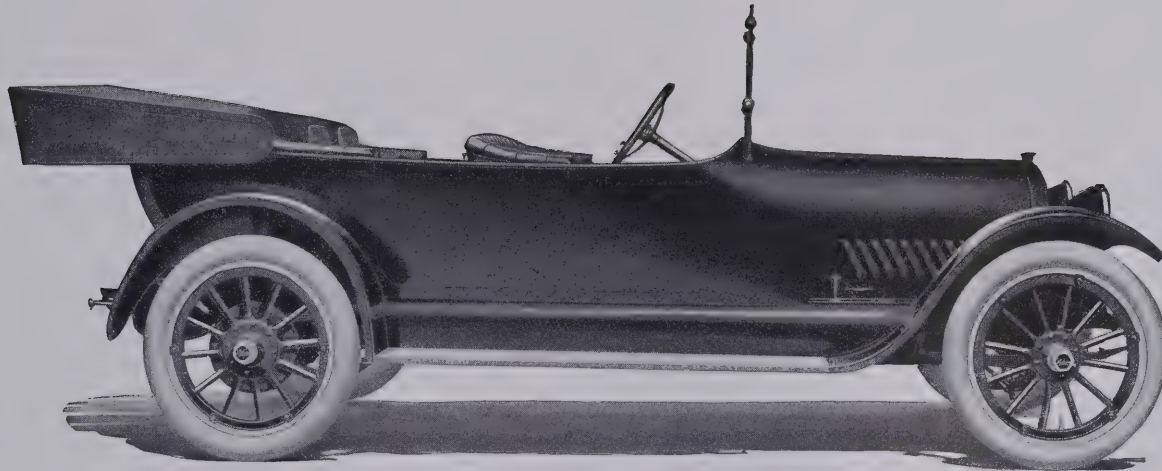
THE erection of the large sugar refinery in North-Eastern Indiana has made the raising of sugar beets a profitable industry in DeKalb county. The yield at first was 16 to 18 tons to the acre but with more experience in handling the growing crop the production has been increased to 21 to 24 tons per acre. The acreage devoted to the raising of sugar beets is increasing every year and adds another to the large variety of crops grown here.

Home of
The Auburn
Automobile



NOTABLE among local manufactories is the Auburn Automobile Company, a pioneer in the automobile industry, now entering on its sixteenth year as a builder of motor cars. The aeroplane view of the plant give illustration more forcibly than any description, the growth of this company since the sale of the first Au. n to the international distribution now enjoyed.

The
New
Auburn



THE cut above shows, in a measure, the artistic lines, rare beauty and charming individuality of their latest model. This new Auburn creation fills the enviable niche occupied by its predecessors and will surely enjoy the same prestige, it being the policy of the company not to build more cars than they can build right - cars that will make their owners Auburn enthusiasts.

The location of this modernly equipped factory is most advantageous, the trackage facilities being splendid, the building plan permitting the building of additional factory units as the exigencies demand.

The heavy volume of orders necessitates a revision of their schedule of three thousand cars, and present plans include a greatly augmented production and increased manufacturing facilities.

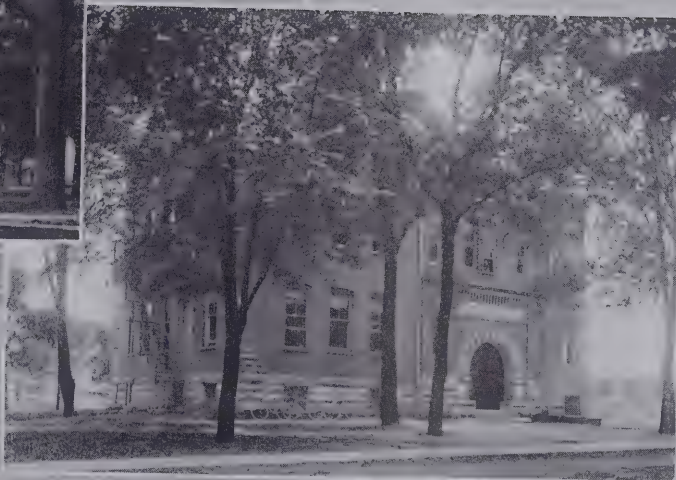
An interesting fact, as well as an unusual one in the automobile field, is that there has been no change in ownership or officers of the company since its inception, the same men who organized and made success possible are still guiding its destinies.

Storey

Lake



AUBURN is located on the Southern border of a beautiful lake region that includes the Northern half of DeKalb and all of Steuben counties. In this section are found more than one hundred lakes, many of which are fringed with cottages and hotels where the city dwellers go to escape the summer's heat and lure the sunny tribe with tempting bait. The above scene is a part of Storey Lake in Fairfield township, DeKalb county, and is a sample of Nature's loveliness that lies all about us.



Harrison School
and
High School

THE course of study and the equipment of the Auburn High School qualifies her graduates for entering the University without taking a preparatory course at some "Prep" school. This has attracted to Auburn a large number of non-resident students who take the full High School course. Each year new equipment has been added for laboratory and other purposes until it now rivals the smaller colleges in facilities for acquiring the higher education. The Harrison is the largest Ward school building and was named in honor of Prof. B. B. Harrison, a former Superintendent of the Auburn schools.

DeSoto
and
Riley
Schools



THE common school is the hope of the nation. Above are pictures of two of Auburn's Ward school buildings. One is named in honor of our beloved Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley and the other for the Indiana town having a school house of which this one is a duplicate. The last of the bonds issued for the construction of school buildings has been paid recently and the School Corporation is now out of debt.



A Potato

Field

POTATOES are profitably grown in every section of DeKalb county. This picture shows part of a field located four miles North-East of Auburn. In this neighborhood hundreds of acres of land are devoted to the raising of potatoes and with ordinary weather conditions the yield will average 200 bushels per acre. The road in the center of the picture is a sample of the good gravel roads that are being made in all parts of the county.

Auburn's

Residential

Section



THESE two views are samples of Auburn's residences. They show some of the well kept homes, a little of the more than three miles of the Asphalt paved streets, and also a little of the more than 35 miles of cement sidewalks that help to make Auburn "The City Beautiful." Visitors are impressed by the well kept lawns and beautiful shade trees in every part of the city, for Auburn has no "Poverty Section" and no "Tough District." It is in truth "Sweet Auburn" and not the "Deserted Village" described in the poem of Oliver Goldsmith.



Two

Beauty

Spots

IN these modern times, when a new city is laid out, the Park site is prominently mentioned. This was neglected when Auburn was platted, but a few years ago the city grasped the opportunity to purchase 13 acres, in the south part of Auburn. The natural advantages of this tract are being improved by Mr. Eckhart, as a Public Park for the city, at an expense of \$20,000. The council voted unanimously to christen this lovely park and play ground "Eckhart Park." In it is an Auditorium that will seat 1,200 people, the usual play ground fixtures and a garden of rare native plants.

DeKalb

County

Infirmary



THE above picture shows where DeKalb county cares for those who through physical or financial misfortune are unable to care for themselves. This building cost \$27,000 and is located on a farm of 320 acres, one mile North-West of Auburn. The sale of the surplus products of the farm has reduced the expense of maintenance to less than \$4,000 for the year, which is less than one mill on each one hundred dollars of the taxable property of the county.



A

Corn

Field

CORN IS KING, as a necessary product on the farm and when it is possible to have a yield of 95 bushels to the acre, as the above will do, it is a valuable crop to raise. This is a picture of a field on the County farm. The corn crop will vary in different parts of DeKalb county from 80 to 100 bushels to the acre; with exceptional fields yielding even more.

Interurban
and
Suburban
Stations



WHAT the street car is to the city the Interurban is to the country. From the Auburn station, pictured above, the cars run North to Waterloo, West to Kendallville and South to Fort Wayne, with stops at every mile between these cities; the lower picture showing one of these rural stops. The Interurban Railway provides the frequent passenger service of the street railway and in addition has the baggage, express and freight service of the steam railway, the freight being carried in special cars and not running with the passenger coaches. The Interurban also furnishes electric current for lighting farm buildings along the line.



An
Onion
Field

THE writer was a "Doubting Thomas" when told that a patch of onions, such as shown in the above picture, would yield 700 bushels to the acre but after investigation he is convinced that 700 bushels is not "strong" for an onion field in DeKalb county. The record yield so far reported is 2,500 bushels from a field of just two acres. Intensive farming and ideal weather conditions were responsible for such an immense crop.

A

Wheat

Field



IN the days when political campaigns were featured by long lines of voters carrying torches the cry of "Count Them" was frequently heard from enthusiastic partisans. When looking at the shocks of wheat in the above picture "COUNT THEM" and "If you know wheat when you see it" you will know that this field will yield more than 40 bushels to the acre. The record yield for DeKalb county is 47 bushels to the acre.



A
Threshing
Scene

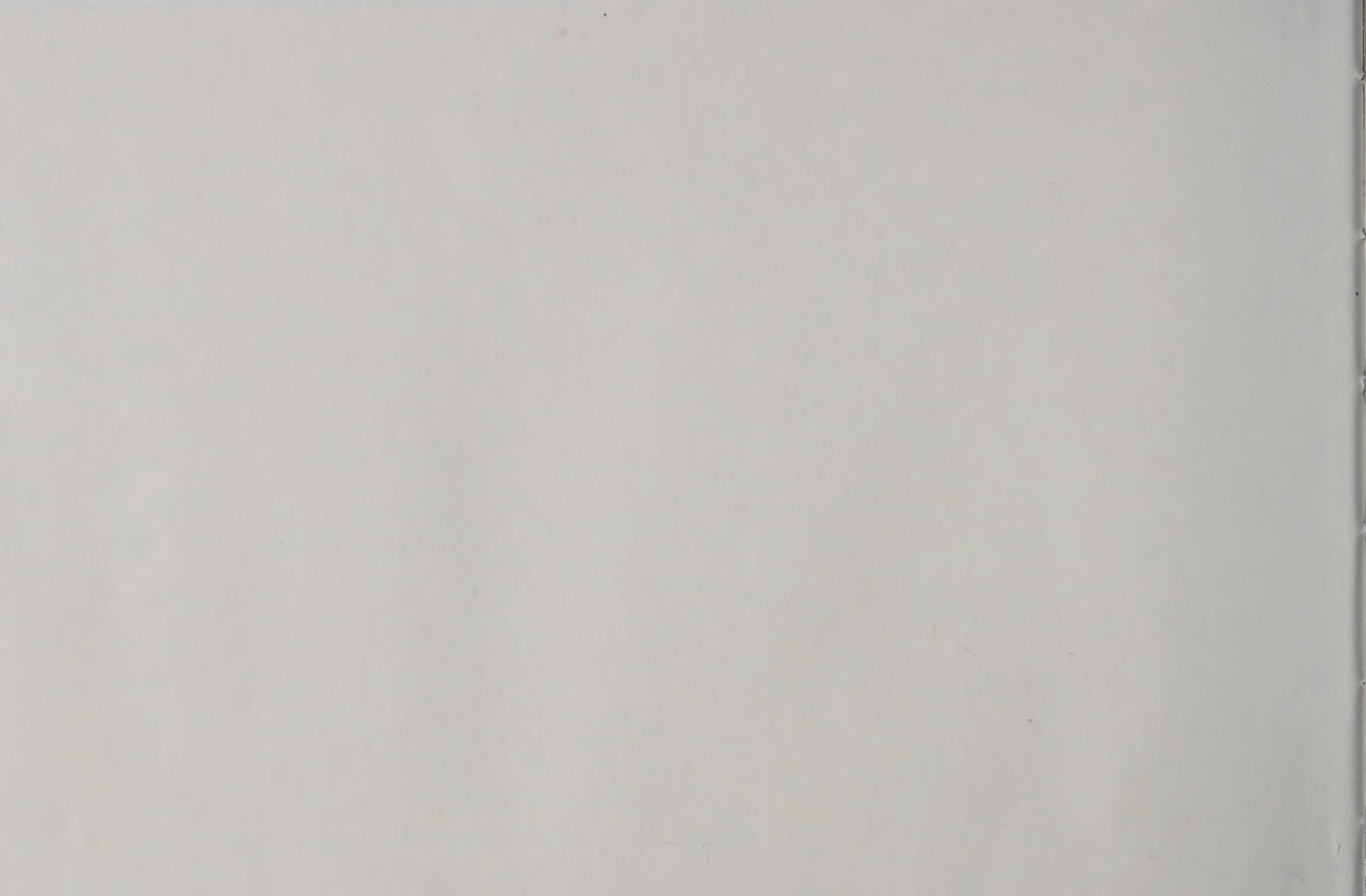
WITH the threshing of the grain comes the end of a year of labor and watching for the farmer. The uncertainty of what the result will be ends as the golden grain pours from the machine and all rejoice in the bountiful yield. The joyousness of this season is further enhanced by the chicken dinners and numerous other eats which make one think of "the good things Mother used to cook."

The Eckhart

Carriage Co.



ABOVE is the plant of the oldest manufacturing concern in Auburn. Chas. Eckhart started the business in a small shop in 1867 and, as business increased, built larger, and now, he, in connection with his two sons, Frank E. and Morris, owns the extensive plant above. The quality of the out put was such that when the purchaser of an Eckhart carriage needed a new carriage he bought an ECKHART. Since the advent of the JITNEY craze they are manufacturing jitney bodies and have produced a design that is a winner.





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